

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the January 2012 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were three applications for the Councillors to consider at this meeting: two related to Bardwells Yard, Latchingdon Road RES/MAL/11/00832 (Demolition of existing industrial units and erection of ten 3, 4 and 5 bedroom dwellings and associated parking. Submission of reserved matters following Outline Planning Permission OUT/MASL/09/00512) and FUL/MAL/11/01080 (variation to condition 1 of approved application OUT/MAL/09/00512 – for minor amendments to the layout, dwelling design and window variations) – the Councillors had no objections to either and agreed that the second set of plans were an improvement on those submitted under reference MAL/11/00832. The third application was FUL/MAL/11/00970 PP-1690695 Barn Farm, Lower Burnham Road: change of use of part of an agricultural building to B8 storage and distribution: the Councillors had no objections to the storage element of this application, but had concerns in relation to the distribution as the hours of opening on the application were stated as 24 hours Monday to Friday and traffic issues with vehicles exiting from the site/road near corner, especially at ‘rush hour’ times.

Planning Decisions: there were 2 decisions from MDC relating to Cold Norton: FUL/MAL/11/00630 The Norton, 54 Latchingdon Road: erection of 5 x two bedroom residential dwellings and single storey rear extension to existing public house as well as new access – this was approved by Maldon District Council but with a number of conditions attached (visit the MDC web site www.maldon.gov.uk for full details or if you don't have access to the internet please contact the Clerk {details below} for a copy). The Parish Council had supported this application subject to a number of conditions. The second decision notified related to HOUSE/MAL/11/00769 South View, Station Road: proposed extension and alterations – this had also received approval by MDC – there had been no objections to this application by the Parish Council.

Precept for 2012-2013: Councillor considered the additional figures supplied by the Clerk and agreed to set the Precept for £21,560 – a very small increase of just over a ¼ % over the previous year.

Highways Matters: the Representative on the Highways Panel for Cold Norton attended this meeting and gave a short verbal update on the panel to the Council and advise that he would bring to the attention of the panel again the current matters of concern in Cold Norton, including: completely new surface for the footway from the bridge to Country Produce, siding back of the footway from County Produce to the roundabout, water issue on Latchingdon Road at the bridge and near St. Stephens Road and deterioration of the edges of the road at the Fambridge Road end of St. Stephens Road.

Jubilee Memento: the Councillors agreed that each child in the village still at school should be presented with a commemorative mug as a memento of the Queen's Jubilee.

Bicycle Rack: following a request from a village resident which was approved at the December meeting it was agreed after consulting the Village Hall Management

Committee that this should be installed at the left hand side of the entrance in front of the disabled ramp.

Housing Growth Scenarios for the Heart of Essex: Parish Councillors

Les Barclay, John Archer and Stewart Rivers attended this conference at which the topic was the development of homes to 2033 and where the estimated number of homes required will go. It was pointed out that Maldon is quite unique as it has water on three sides and therefore there is a real need to be mindful of the environment and that the local councils need to support this unique position and voice any concerns – the recent village survey will be used to support or oppose any future development proposed in Cold Norton.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2012:

Wednesdays: 8th February, 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December. Meetings start at 8 pm in The Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly welcomed to hear the proceedings and to speak during the time set aside for that purpose.

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